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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceeding.

On Wednesday, October 6, 2004, undersigned counsel, along with Frank DiRico of N.E. Colorado Cellular, Inc. ("NECC"), met with Barry Ohlson, senior legal advisor to Commissioner Adelstein, to discuss the pending petitions for FCC concurrence with the Colorado PUC's proposal to redefine rural ILEC service areas. Undersigned counsel and Mr. DiRico urged prompt action by the Commission and made statements consistent with NECC's comments to the Commission in connection with those pending petitions. No materials were distributed at the meeting.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely,

/s/

David A. LaFuria

cc: Barry Ohlson, Esq.